

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, every time a child is born, the Good Lord is making a bet on the future of mankind. Olivia Carolyn Shoemaker arrived in Dallas, Texas, Monday night, December 6, at 7 pounds and 19.5 inches.

She was affectionately referred to as Baby Shoe until named by her parents, Anthony and Kellee, Kellee being our youngest of four children. Olivia, although petite, has the legs of a long distance runner, and like her mother, Kellee, she has her mom's happy spirit. Having the intellect of her father, Anthony, I am sure she will be quoting the Constitution soon.

Mr. Speaker, God sends little girls to the world to soften up the rough edges of dads and help remove the hard crusty bark off grandfathers like me. There is absolutely nothing like a little girl.

My hope for Olivia is that she appreciate liberty, love God, and know she was born for a special reason, to make a world of difference in a world that just needs more little girls.

And that's just the way it is.

PASS THE DREAM ACT

(Mr. GUTIERREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GUTIERREZ. When I was a school teacher, I never knew how well my kids were doing until I gave them a test. That's when you find out what you've really learned. We need to have a test right here today in this Chamber. We need to test our tolerance, our fairness, and our sense of justice. We need to vote today on the DREAM Act.

Will we pass that test? Will we get an A or an F? Those who will grade this test are watching. A generation of young people are hoping. Their futures are riding on whether we pass this test. Their families and communities are watching to see how we do on the test. Our Nation wants to see if we are compassionate, if we have the courage to do what is right.

This is a pass or fail test. Our kids, our young people, they have all passed. They have worked hard. They planned for a better future, and they love this country. They love America. Today, I urge my colleagues not to fail these kids and to reward their love by the passage of the DREAM Act.

TAX CUTS RESOLUTION

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, a tax cuts resolution has finally been made to protect all Americans from the largest tax increase in American history. I am happy the President recognizes tax increases kill jobs, as documented by the National Federation of Independent Business, NFIB. This resolution protects South Carolina from losing 9,000 jobs a year

and \$3,000 per family of disposable income, as highlighted by the Heritage Foundation.

I have two corrections. First, the death tax must be permanently repealed, as this double taxation destroys family-owned businesses. Secondly, I am concerned about extending unemployment benefits without paying for them. I understand that hardworking Americans find themselves needing assistance. A commonsense solution is to pay for an extension of unemployment benefits with unused stimulus funds.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Congratulations Lexington County Council for recruiting 1,200 new jobs with Amazon.com to the City of Cayce.

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DREAM ACT

(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the DREAM Act. Further, I rise in support of our Nation's children and young adults, children who, sadly, have borne the brunt of our immigration issues; children who have graduated from high school and want to continue on to college, but cannot receive any help; children who would sign up and fight and die for our country, but are seen as ghosts by their host country.

In August of 1864, President Lincoln wrote: "It is not merely for today but for all time to come that we should perpetuate for our children's children this great and free government which we have all enjoyed all our lives."

Nearly 150 years later, we are asked to stand up to the same task to perpetuate this great and free government for all our children. I ask my colleagues to support the children and support the DREAM Act.

CONSTITUTION HOUSE RULE RESOLUTION

(Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, as founder and chairman of the Congressional Constitution Caucus, I rise this morning to urge support of my resolution to restore the pre-eminence of the Constitution in law-making.

My resolution requires that all House bills appropriately cite an enumerated power in the U.S. Constitution. If a bill did not sufficiently cite that justification, it would be subject to a point of order, and it could not be waived by the Rules Committee.

Some of my colleagues might claim that all legislation is constitutional as long as it provides the general welfare clause reference. But our Founding Father, James Madison, who was the Fa-

ther of the Constitution, said in *Federalist* No. 41: "For what purpose could the enumeration of particulars be inserted, if these and all others were meant to be included in the preceding general power?" In other words, Mr. Speaker, why does the Constitution list specific powers in article I if every conceivable law is basically fair game?

I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense resolution.

ON RETIREMENT OF BROADCASTING LEGEND DON WEEKS

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the retirement of a broadcasting legend in my district, Don Weeks of historic WGY radio in Albany and Schenectady.

Don's career in radio started in 1959 and grew to include work as a Top 40 DJ, a TV weatherman, and work in an advertising agency. It was during the last 30 years, however, as host of WGY's top-rated morning news program that Don cemented his legacy as one of the most congenial and recognizable personalities in the Capital Region.

He entertained listeners each morning with his laugh-out-loud sense of humor; his friendly, inquisitive interviews; and with his unrelenting communication to the community. For 30 years, Don was the voice and the face behind WGY's annual Christmas Wish fund drive, which raised millions for local charities.

Don was awarded the National Association of Broadcasters Marconi Award for Medium Market Personality of the Year and named Best Personality by the New York State Broadcasters Association.

To Don and his wife, Sue, I wish you a happy and healthy retirement. It certainly is well earned, my friends.

DREAM ACT

(Mr. HINOJOSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote for the American DREAM Act. This legislation provides conditional non-immigrant status to young individuals of college age who are eager to contribute to our Nation's workforce, economy, and Armed Forces.

I personally want to thank the Coalition for Educational Opportunity at the University of Texas-Pan American and the thousands of students, civil rights groups, and prominent education and business and religious leaders who have fought tirelessly to pass the DREAM Act. In my congressional district I want to recognize Alex Garrido and Dora Martinez, two courageous